

IN THE CLAIMS:

All of the claims that remain pending and under consideration in the above-referenced application are reproduced below, in clean form. The ensuing listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-referenced application.

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1-11. (canceled)

12. (amended) An apparatus for forcing a die through a sheet of material, comprising:

a first member including:

a die receiving surface; and

a die retaining element associated with said die receiving surface, said die retaining element configured to receive a substantially planar die;

a second member including:

a substantially planar sheet supporting surface oriented to oppose said die receiving surface; and

[a biasing element] handles associated with [at least one member of] said first and second members so as to [move said] facilitate movement of at least one member of said first and second members toward the other of said first and second members.

13. (original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said die retaining element is magnetic.

14. (original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said die retaining element mechanically secures a substantially planar die to said die receiving surface.

15. (original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said second member includes a cushioning element that forms at least a portion of said substantially planar sheet supporting surface.

16. (original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said biasing element is configured to be held by and operated with a hand of a user.

17-23. (canceled)

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